GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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INSPECTION OF RAILWAY AUTHORITIES ON KOPILI RAILWAY BRIDGE UNDER JAGIROAD RAILWAY STATION
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that due to faulty construction of No. 93 Kopili Railway bridge under Jagiroad railway station in Morigaon district of Assam flood waters have created havoc in the area;

(b) if so, whether any inspection has been conducted by the railway authorities;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the action is proposed by the Government for reconstruction of such railway bridges to avoid fresh floods in future?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a) There is no faulty construction of the bridge No. 93. The rebuilding of Bridge No. 93 is in progress in the upstream of the existing bridge. The bridge construction is being done strictly in accordance with the hydraulic and structural criteria laid down in the relevant Indian Railway Codes and Manuals. Also, the bridge has absolutely no bearing on the causes of flood in the Kopili river. The rebuilding of the bridge is part of ongoing programme of rebuilding/rehabilitation of bridges on age cum condition basis.

(b) to (d) As mentioned above, the reconstruction of the bridge has no bearing on the causes of flood in the river Kopili, there is no cause for any special inspection apart from normal inspection as required from time to time. There is also no cause for reconstruction of bridges.